

FIXING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISBURSING
OFFICER AND OF THE AUDITOR OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA

MARCH 7 (legislative day, JANUARY 29), 1951.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 259]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 259) to fix the responsibilities of the Disbursing Officer and of the Auditor of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass. The bill was unanimously reported out favorably by the full committee.

The purpose of this bill is to make accounting practices of the District of Columbia uniform with those followed by the Federal Government. Under present law, the responsibility for illegal or wrongful payment of funds is fixed on the Disbursing Officer of the District of Columbia. This bill would impose such responsibility on the Auditor of the District of Columbia, who has access to the information necessary to determine the propriety and legality of payments, consistent with Federal practice.

The bill has the approval of the Board of Commissioners, the Auditor, and the Disbursing Officer of the District of Columbia, and of the Comptroller General and the Bureau of the Budget. It was unanimously reported out favorably by the full committee.

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March 7 (beginning day, January 29), 1951.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hays, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, sub-
mitted the following

REPORT

(No. 200, 82d Congress)

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 279) to fix the responsibilities of the Disbursing Officer and the Auditor of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without recommendation and request that the bill do pass. The bill was unanimously passed on November 1, 1950, by the full Committee.

The purpose of this bill is to make accounting practices of the District of Columbia uniform with those followed by the Federal Government. Under present law, the responsibility for fiscal or wrong payment of funds is placed on the Disbursing Officer of the District of Columbia. This places undue responsibility on the Disbursing Officer of the District of Columbia, who has no access to the information necessary to determine the propriety and legality of payment, consistent with Federal practice.

The bill has the approval of the Board of Commissioners, the Auditor and the Disbursing Officer of the District of Columbia, and of the Committee General and the Bureau of the Budget. It was unanimously reported and favorably by the full Committee.